

# Alberta Conference Adventist News

*A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta*

## Welcome to the Family of God!

**P**recious pictures of precious occasions! The Alberta Seventh-day Adventist Church family has been welcoming many “new members” to the family of God. Currently seventeen churches are sharing the everlasting gospel through public meetings. The It Is Written “Revelation Speaks Peace” series is being presented in Bentley, Boyle, Calgary Bridgeland, Calgary Central, Calgary Garden Road, College Heights, Edmonton Central, Edmonton South, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Sylvan Lake. Other meetings are being held in Edmonton Spanish, Lacombe Community, Lloydminster, Maskwachees, Red Deer, and Whitecourt.



*All over the world men & women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.*

Acts of the Apostles, p. 109



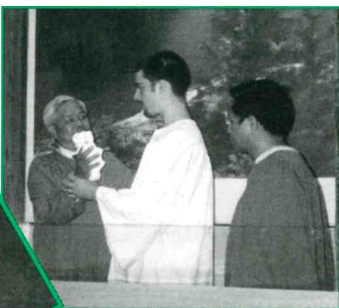
*Kevin Jones is baptized by Robert Pohle*



*Lacey Ivey is baptized by Wesley Szamko*

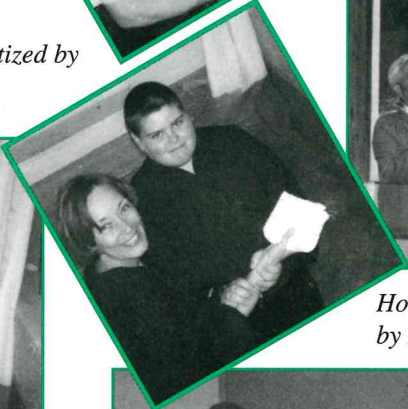


*Christopher Patrick Linegar is baptized by Frank Johnson*



*Howard Paddock is baptized by Romulo Daquila*

*Willie Smith is baptized by Marian Rochford*



*John Koperski is baptized by Brian Hawes*



*Calvin, Theresa, Nicholas and Katie Kennedy were baptized by Evert Potgieter*

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## *May We Introduce Our New Executive Secretary of the Alberta Conference — Elder Romulo Daquila?*

Pastor Romulo Daquila and his wife Lilia were born and raised in the Philippines. They graduated from Philippine Union College, now known as the Adventist University of the Philippines. Both of them are secondary school teachers.



They served as missionary teachers in Ayer Manis Secondary School in Serian, Sarawak, West Malaysia for six years. This was the place where they were married and where their first two children were born.

In January, 1976 they accepted a call to serve as pastor-evangelist for the Suriname Mission with headquarters in Paramaribo, Suriname, South America. He then served as Youth and Personal Ministries Director of the Mission and then five years as Secretary-Treasurer.

In 1985 they moved to Central California where they helped establish the Central Valley Filipino-American Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fresno, California and served as pastor for seven years. While in Fresno, Lilia received training and then worked as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

In December, 1991 they moved to Toronto to answer the call from the Ontario Conference to serve as the senior pastor of the Filipino-Canadian and Bramalea Churches. After serving as a pastor for almost seven years, Romulo was appointed to serve as director of the Personal Ministries and Stewardship Departments of the Ontario Conference. He served in these departments for almost five years before coming here to serve as the Executive Secretary of the Alberta Conference.

For the last five years prior to moving to Alberta, Lilia taught at the Peel Adventist Elementary Seventh-day Adventist School in Mississauga, Ontario.

Their three children are: Cely Joy, the eldest, who lives with her husband, Don Essex, in Maryland. She works at Columbia Union College. Romil Rey is living in Toronto and is a recent graduate of Andrews University. Lily Love, the youngest daughter, is living in Berrien Springs, Michigan, with her husband, Alex Masikat and their son, Calvin.

Romulo (or Romy for short), and his wife Lilia have once again honored their commitment to serve the Lord by going where He wants them to go and do what He wants them to do. They also believe that God has created them so that He can accomplish His purposes through them. ■

## 50 Years of Service



On Sabbath, September 7, the Edmonton Central Church paid special recognition to one of its members, Norman Gascoyne, who has served the church as treasurer for fifty years! He, his wife and daughter, Mary and Phyllis, are pictured with Pastor John Wesley.

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## CHIP — A Healthy Way of Life

*Dr. Christine Simpson*

Another Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) has been completed at the Edmonton South SDA church. There were 45 participants and over 70% came from the community. We also had an equal number of volunteers striving to provide a professional and well organized program. The 16-lecture series was held at the church Mon-Thurs evenings, from Sept. 9 - Oct. 3. Also included were two HeartScreens, special features, exercise competitions, food demonstrations and numerous shopping tours. The graduation ceremony was held on Oct 9 and the CHIPPERS prepared food for 120 people who had come to celebrate the amazing results they were able to achieve. Each one committed to become **“Healthy by Choice, NOT by Chance!”** We now resume our monthly CHIP Alumni program (the 3rd Tuesday of each month). As our Alumni numbers increase with each program, we are building meaningful

long-term relationships with many more people from the community.

The medical results of this life-changing program are phenomenal, and in many cases, they surpass the results from medication use — in only 30 days!! Many of the participants were able to drop their cholesterol levels by close to 30%, which lowers their risk for Heart Disease by up to 90%. Blood pressures fell from the danger zone to a safe level and a number of participants lost 5-10% of their body weight in just four weeks.

But CHIP’s ability to minister to the body, mind and soul together is the most satisfying and rewarding effect overall. Participants experience **healing** - not just physical healing, but true, deep healing of the entire person. Our volunteer team, which has also swelled in numbers, includes not only previous CHIP alumni, but many church members who have been searching for a meaningful avenue of ministry. By getting involved with CHIP, “mending broken people” becomes a

reality. And as we continue to work with these precious CHIPPERS, only God knows the true results. As a CHIP team at Edmonton South SDA church, we fervently urge you to consider becoming involved in CHIP; and if there currently is not a CHIP program in your community, get one started!!! Please continue to pray for this important ministry and community outreach.

You can find out more about Edmonton CHIP at [www.edmontonCHIP.com](http://www.edmontonCHIP.com) or by e-mailing [info@edmontonCHIP.com](mailto:info@edmontonCHIP.com). You can find out more about the CHIP chapters across North America, and the Adventist CHIP Association, at [www.sdachip.org](http://www.sdachip.org).

NOTE: Christine Simpson is a physician who specializes in Internal Medicine in Edmonton.

Along with her husband, Brian Simpson, they direct the team in Edmonton, Alberta, and are working towards meeting their lifelong goal of “mending broken people.”

## Canadian University College NEWS

### *Student Missionaries*

Under the direction of Carol Nicks, twelve CUC students have gone to various places around the world to serve as student missionaries for the 2002-03 school year. They will be serving in the following areas (individuals listed from left to right in the picture):

David Barrett	Macao
Luc Lepage	Korea
Dale McCreery	Russia
Andrea Becker	Korea
Amanda Michel	Thailand
Jonathan Geraci	Cohutta Spring, Georgia
Stacey St. Louis	Korea
Faye Devenish	Korea
Tami Astleford	(Nepal (AFM))
Candy Sheffield	Kenya
Tabitha VanGunda	Japan
Tanya Huether	Austria

### *College Days*

Two more College Days weekends are scheduled for this year: February 20-23 and March 27-30. College Days are intended to introduce prospective students to the experience of student life on the campus of Canadian University College. If you are considering CUC as an educational option and would like information regarding College Days fees and travel arrangements, call 1-800-661-8129, option 1 (or 403-782-3381, ext. 4142 or 4006) to speak with either Tina Tilstra or Lorraine Wombold.



## Good News from Yellowknife

August 24, 2002 was a very special day for David Harris and Ida Bennett as they joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Yellowknife through baptism and were married by Pastor Clarence Colp the same day — in accordance with their greatest dream and hope. David, a Slave Indian born and



raised in Fort Good Hope, NWT, and Ida, an Inuvialuit, born and raised in Aklavik, NWT, had been studying the Seventh-day Adventist message for four months by watching Elder Kenneth Cox videos loaned to them by their Seventh-day Adventist friend, Topsy Cockney, from Inuvik, NWT.

While they had accepted all the wonderful truth of the Gospel including the Sabbath, they were still wanting to change their lifestyle and habits of eating and drinking. In July/August, 2002, Lifestyle Educator Odette Boily presented a lifestyle program in Yellowknife. David, Ida, and a number

of their friends successfully overcame their cigarette, coffee and alcohol habits. They attribute their success not only to the charcoal, hydrotherapy, massage and nutrition program but most importantly to their Lord and Saviour.

David and Ida's goal is to witness to their own people in the Northwest Territories and abroad about the importance of lifestyle education and willingness to change and be temples of the Holy Spirit. They request the prayers of their newly acquired church family in this ministry as many of their friends, Inuit and Slave, suffer from so many addictions and are in need of instruction.



*David and Kara Lynch (Self) were married July 14, 2002 at the Westbank SDA Church, British Columbia. Kara is principal/teacher at the Sedgewick SDA School.*

## Native Camp Meeting

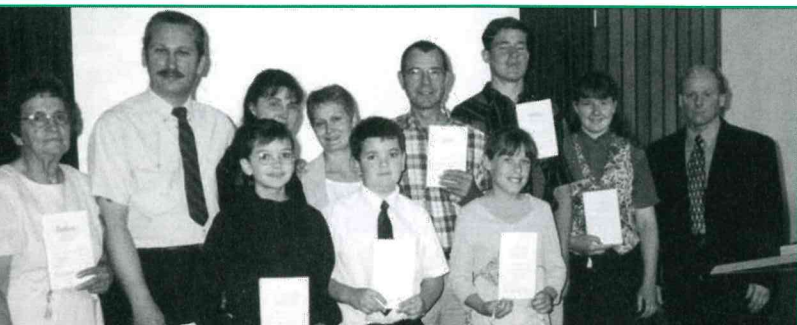
*Pastor Frank Johnson*

The 2002 Alberta Native Camp Meeting was held May 31-June 2 at Foothills Camp. Elder Daniel Guiboche, pastor of the native church near The Pas, Manitoba, was the featured speaker. His messages were prepared to support the theme, "Am I Ready for Jesus to Come?"

Elder Monte Church, Native Ministries Leader for the North Pacific and Canadian Unions, called on all to be witnesses and to share their faith. He gave some very useful tips (for non-natives, too) on how to reach First Nations people. In his report on the growth of Native Ministries he indicated that the new native Bible Study lessons were soon to be published.

Alma Saddleback, a CUC Theology student from Hobbema, led out in regularly scheduled prayer sessions. A number of special guests provided enjoyable and inspirational music.

The highlight of the weekend, however, was a baptism and a wedding on Sabbath afternoon. Two members from the Siksika Band, east of Calgary, Jeannette Yellow Feet and Bryan Stephens, were baptized. An hour later, Bryan and Jeannette were married before a joyous crowd that filled the Lower Lodge auditorium. After the ceremony, guests enjoyed a time of celebration in the dining room with a delicious Sabbath wedding "feast."



*Ten new members were welcomed into the Beauvallon Church in July by Pastor Brian Bechthold. Pastor Bechthold has accepted a call to be an evangelist for Native Ministries in Canada and the North Pacific Union.*

## Alberta Conference Honors Two Retirees

### Carolyn Halyrevich

As a teenager growing up in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Carolyn Halyrevich was persuaded by her church friends to attend Oshawa Missionary



College (OMC — now Kingsway). She had always dreamed of becoming an elementary teacher so after completing high school, she enrolled in the Education program at OMC. Following graduation in 1961, she began her teaching career in Moncton, New Brunswick. In 1963 she married her OMC sweetheart, Bill. One of the most thrilling times in her teaching experience was when she moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1966, taught school, and assisted in the planning and building of Sandy Lake Academy. While living in Halifax, she attended Mount Saint Vincent University for a year, took many evening classes, and graduated with a B.A. degree.

In 1971, they met Jennifer, a sweet little baby girl, and adopted her as their own. It was then that Carolyn and Bill learned, as far as humans can, the full meaning of love.

Because Bill was experiencing some serious health problems and a dry climate was recommended, they moved to Alberta in 1986. For the first seven years here, she taught school on the Montana Reserve. Those seven years brought Carolyn some of the greatest rewards in her teaching career. While

working on the reserve, she completed her requirements for Alberta Certification and graduated from Canadian University College.

When Native Affairs closed the reserve schools to private education, Carolyn was happy to be chosen as a Grade 4 teacher at College Heights Adventist Junior Academy (College Heights Christian School). It was with pride that she recently viewed the graduation pictures of many of children from her first CHAJA class in the *Lacombe Globe*.

Teaching Grades 4-6 have been favorites for Carolyn. However, the last five years of her teaching career were spent teaching Grade 2. Carolyn treasures the many pictures, cards and love notes given to her by these young students.

As Carolyn reflects back on her life as an elementary teacher, her heart is full. The Lord has blessed her beyond measure—many wonderful lifelong friendships from among staff and students. God's presence in her life played a part in preparing His young ones for a successful life here on earth—and more importantly, life eternal.

For now, since Bill has also retired, he and Carolyn plan to spend more time with their delightful granddaughter, Tayler, do some traveling and be open to serve the Lord as He may direct.

### Martha Smith

Martha was born into the family of Henry and Amalia Kerbs at Leader, Saskatchewan. Martha attended a small country school for the first seven grades. She eventually graduated from Grade 12 at Mendham, Saskatchewan.

Martha received teaching certificates from Teachers' College, Moose Jaw, SK; Saskatoon University, Saskatoon,

SK; Alberta Education, Edmonton, AB; Union College (Canadian University College); and Master of Arts (Curriculum and Instruction) from La Sierra University (Canadian University College) in 2000.



Her first 13 years in three public schools were in Saskatchewan and Alberta. During the 24 years at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, Martha taught various

grades from 3 to 6. She also served as Vice-Principal at CWAA 1992-1997. For one and a half years, just prior to retirement, she served as Home School Coordinator for the Alberta Conference.

A highlight of Martha's teaching career came to her when her excellence in teaching was recognized when she was awarded the Zapara Award during the 1993-94 school year.

For Martha, teaching Bible classes was definitely the most rewarding. Parents often shared with her how their children's attitude changed. One parent even remarked that their child said he was able to control his anger better since he was getting to know God.

Martha was always involved in various church activities and responsibilities throughout her teaching career. As a member of the Calgary Central Church, she conducted a Branch Sabbath School, JMV programs involving her students, a Junior and Primary Division leader, and a greeter. Even though she has now retired from teaching, she faithfully serves as a Deaconess.

Martha is married to Hugh Smith. Their children are Rixford and Lauralyn.

### Canadian Adventist Messenger

Every Seventh-day Adventist home in Canada is eligible to receive the Canadian Adventist Messenger.

If you are a member of one of Alberta's churches or companies and are not receiv-

ing this monthly periodical, ask your church clerk to forward your name and address to the Communications Department of the Alberta Conference.

If you have moved, it is your personal responsibility to notify either the Messenger of-

vice of your old address and your new address. Fill out the Change of Address form in the Messenger and mail it to:

Canadian Adventist Messenger  
1148 King Street East  
Oshawa, ON L1H 1H8

## Alberta Deaf Ministries

Alberta Deaf Ministries co-sponsored a "Canadian Mini-Camp Meeting for the Deaf" at Hope, BC, in July, 2002. Pastor Jeff Jordan, a deaf pastor / church planter from Atlanta, GA, was the special presenter in Sign Language. This year was the largest attendance for several years with deaf coming from Alberta, BC, Washington, Oregon and even California.

Pastor Blake, Director of the Alberta Conference Deaf Ministries Department, is currently editing a series of five Family Life lectures recorded on digital video in Calgary in May. Francisca Trexler, a professional counselor



*The Canadian Mini-Camp Meeting for the Deaf, co-sponsored by the Alberta and BC Conferences*

from Maryland, is the featured presenter. It is hoped that this series can not only be a blessing to Seventh-day Adventist deaf throughout North America, but will serve as a public service from the Adventist Church to the deaf world in the North American Division.

The Deaf Ministries Department has many resources available for the deaf. If you are interested in more information, contact either Pastor John or Alberta Blake at (403) 782-4255, or e-mail them at

[office@deafhope.org](mailto:office@deafhope.org), or visit the web site at [www.deafhope.org](http://www.deafhope.org).

## Adventure Training in Calgary



*A ten-hour Adventurer Training Course was conducted at the Calgary Bridgeland Church for the Calgary area Adventurer leaders on June 1-2 by Ruth Riffin*

## The Will of the Province

*Frances Chant*

People who claim they do not need a Last Will and Testament are partially correct. If they chose not to arrange for one, the province has one just for them.

If a person dies intestate (that is to say, without a will), the court will distribute the deceased's property in a certain order provided by law (intestate succession law). The court sets forth, in a very definite way, how the surviving spouse, children or other blood relatives are to inherit the deceased's assets.

The province does not impose its will upon you unless you



give up your right to make your own Last Will and Testament. Also, the province will not remember God's cause if they have to appoint an administrator for your estate. You must have a statement in your will if you wish to make a gift to the church.

*"We should regard ourselves as stewards of the Lord's property, and God as the supreme proprietor."* Counsels on Stewardship, p. 326

If you have questions, please contact Frances Chant, Director of Trust Services, at (403) 342-5044, ext 215 or e-mail: [fchant@albertasda.org](mailto:fchant@albertasda.org).

## Mamawi Atosketan Native School Nears Completion

Hats off and much appreciation to Alfred Breitzkreuz, Project Manager, as the Mamawi Atosketan Native School Building Project nears completion! Also a special thanks to Ken Taylor, Building Committee chairman. Overcrowded in the old school facility with a record number of students, Mamawi teachers hope to move into the new school building yet this year. We thank you for your prayers, volunteer labor, and financial support of this project. You may visit the site of the new school by taking the Menaik Road exit off of Highway 2, drive east to Range Road 253, then south (right) approximately one kilometer to the school on the right.



## Health Outreach in Drumheller

In August the Drumheller Church, a congregation of seven members, hosted a "Healthy Living Seminar" with more than forty in attendance. CUC's Dr. Reuben Lorenson and Alberta Conference Health Director, Darlene Blaney, were the speakers. The church is following up with a Vegetarian Dinner Club. Marlene Sinclair, lay pastor, assists Pastor Steve Yaceyko with outreach.



## Millwoods Church Group

The Edmonton West Church has planted a new congregation in Millwoods with a growing number in attendance.



- ◆ The Sedgewick Church celebrated a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 12 with more than two hundred members and friends in attendance. Former pastor, Gary Schwartz, was guest speaker. A highlight of the event was the donation of five and a half acres of land by Harry and Fredella Anderson to the Conference, the site on which the church and school is located.
- ◆ As of September 30, year-to-date title increase for 2002 is 2.93%. Thank you for your faithfulness to God!
- ◆ Some thirty-five Alberta Pathfinders attended a Camporee in Columbia Falls, Montana. Thirty Pathfinder leaders received outdoor training on a snowy weekend, October 4-6, in Kananaskis. Approximately thirty youth and young adults attended a Youth Visioning weekend, November 8-10, at Foothills Camp. Youth Director Richard Williams and eight other Alberta young adults plan to participate in the Eastern Canada Youth Summit, November 21-24, in Montreal.
- ◆ WANTED: Missionary-minded families to fan a "Company" spark in Tofield, Alberta, into a "Church" flame. Tofield, a community of 2500, is located on Hwy 14 forty-five minutes east of Edmonton. For more information, contact Jenafor Siemens, Company Clerk, at (780) 764-2116 or e-mail at [jenaforsiemens@hotmail.com](mailto:jenaforsiemens@hotmail.com).
- ◆ The Calgary Mountain View Church now has a new location: 11 Scenic Acres Gate N.W., Calgary. Sabbath School, 10:00 a.m.; Praise and Worship, 11:00 a.m. Bill Spangler, lay pastor.
- ◆ The Ross Street Kitchen in Red Deer is a ministry of the Central Alberta churches administered by Millie Snow. More than 150 meals are served daily. Donations and additional help is needed. For more information, call Millie Snow at (403) 341-6120.
- ◆ Alberta Singles' Ministries is coordinated by Lois Graham. For more information, call (403)782-4861
- ◆ The Northwest Regional Management Team, the sponsor of the Innisfree Camp Meeting, has voted to hold a 2003 Camp Meeting. Plans for date, place, and speaker(s) are now being made. Suggestions may be forwarded to Clarence Hyde or your RMT representative.
- ◆ Pastoral changes include: James Rooney to pastor Fairview and be associate in Grande Prairie; Bob Schafer to pastor Camrose and Sedgewick; Paul Donnett is youth pastor at College Heights; Felix Richter to pastor Beauvallon, Vegreville, and Tofield; Byron Aaserude to pastor Smoky Lake; Carolyn Macomber is young adult pastor at Calgary Central; and, Alan Delotavo to pastor Boyle, Fort McMurray, and Lac La Biche.
- ◆ Educational additions include Cherissa Hawes and Julie Bancarz to teach at Mamawi Atosketan Native School.
- ◆ **Adventist Horsemen's Association of Alberta** Allen Fowler is proposing the formation of an Adventist Horsemen's Association of Alberta. This organization would provide the framework for wholesome Christian fellowship with a distinctly equine flavor. It would sponsor various family-oriented weekend horse events throughout the year involving "boots and saddle" with a distinctly spiritual emphasis. If you are interested in becoming a part of such an organization, contact Allen Fowler, 131 Glenridge Place, Sherwood Park, Alberta T8A 3A3 Phone: (780) 467-9740.

## POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

### A Report from the Executive Committee

On October 25-27, the Alberta Conference Executive Committee Retreat was held in Canmore. The annual Retreat provides time for spiritual refreshment and prayer, concentrated study, and opportunity for better acquaintance and bonding among committee members. This year's topic of study and discussion was Alberta's model of governance. Guests to the retreat were the three officers of the SDACC (Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada): Dan Jackson, President; Nilton Amorim, Secretary; and, Gerald Northam, Treasurer. Elder Northam was the chair of the original 1995 Governance Study Committee.

One reason for the discussion of the Policy Governance model was that the June Executive Committee of the SDACC voted not to approve the Pilot Project Proposal of Governance currently being used in Alberta. The SDACC officers explained many of the reasons for this decision. Another reason for the discussion was the frustration expressed by some members of the Alberta Executive Committee as to the effectiveness of Policy Governance. Is it working in Alberta or is there a better way?

After much prayer and careful consideration, the Executive Committee voted to review our current model of governance and to bring it into compliance with the Alberta Conference Bylaws and the North American Division Policies. A subcommittee of EXCOM was appointed to review, study, and research this matter and bring back to the Executive Committee suggested changes not later than April 30, 2003.

Other actions of the October Executive Committee include:

VOTED to accept with deep regret the resignation of Ken Fox as a member of EXCOM and to record a vote of appreciation for his outstanding services. Ken has accepted employment outside of Alberta and will not be available to serve.

VOTED to ask the Conference President to serve as facilitator/chair of the Executive Committee in accordance with the Alberta Constitution and Bylaws and NAD policy.

VOTED to form a Financial Monitoring Committee.

VOTED to withdraw the company status of the Vermilion Company.

VOTED to record a vote of appreciation to the SDACC officers for their presence, guidance and constant support during the EXCOM Retreat.